International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)^2

DANTES Test Centers' Authorization

The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc., (ISC)^2 authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer the CISSP and SSCP certification examinations sponsored by (ISC)^2 to uniformed military personnel.

Background

(ISC)^2 is a global, not-for-profit organization dedicated to:

- Maintaining a Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) for Information Security (IS)
- Certifying industry professionals and practitioners in an IS standard
- Administering training and certification examinations
- And insuring credentials are maintained, primarily through continuing education.

Governments, corporations, centers of higher learning, and organizations worldwide demand a common platform for and proficiency in mastering the dynamic nature of information security. (ISC)^2 helps fulfill these needs.

Thousands of IS professionals in over 35 countries worldwide have attained certification in one of the two designations administered by (ISC)^2 :

- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- System Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP)

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Description

Requirements for CISSP and SSCP Certification

The CISSP is tailored for information security professionals with a minimum of 3 years cumulative experience in one or more of the ten CBK domains in information security.

NOTE: Effective 1 January 2003, the cumulative experience requirement for the CISSP certification will be raised to four years.)

Valid experience includes information systems security-related work performed as a practitioner, auditor, consultant, vendor, investigator or instructor, or those which requires information security knowledge and involves direct application of that knowledge.

The SSCP is tailored for information security practitioners with at least 1 year cumulative experience in one or more of the seven CBK domains in information security. Valid experience includes information security systems security-related work performed as a practitioner or that which requires information security knowledge and involves direct application of that knowledge.

CISSP DOMAINS	SSCP DOMAINS
• Access Control Systems and Methodology • Applications and Systems Development Security • Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Planning • Cryptography • Law, Investigations, and Ethics • Operations Security • Physical Security • Security Architecture and Models • Security Management Practices • Telecommunications and Network Security	• Access Controls • Administration • Audit and Monitoring • Cryptography • Data Communications • Malicious Code and Malware • Risk, Response, and Recovery

CISSP Exam Structure

The CISSP certification examination consists of 250 multiple-choice questions. Candidates have 6 hours to complete the exam covering the ten CBK domains.

Description, Continued

SSCP Exam Structure   The SSCP Certification examination consists of 125 multiple-choice questions. Candidates have 3 hours to complete the exam covering the seven CBK domains.

How to Obtain an Application

Applications   **Online**
- Complete the online registration form in its entirety. Payment for online registration is only accepted with a Visa or MasterCard. The TCO must order the exam. See table below.

Mail/Fax
- Download and complete the form and include your payment via a credit card, personal check, or money order and letter from the TCO.
- Mail to:

(ISC)^2 Services
PO Box 1117
Dunedin, FL 34697

- Fax to: (727) 738-8522

NOTE: Faxing the completed registration form and payment will reserve a seat at the examination for the certification candidate.

Step	Action
1	Using official stationary with command letterhead, the TCO prepares a letter requesting ISC^2 examination(s). Indicate: • DANTES ID Number • Type of exam – CISSP or SSCP
2	Examinee completes the ISC^2 application, provides the registration fee (examinee pays), and gives to the TCO.
3	The TCO, after checking for accuracy and completeness, mails the official letter, application, and the appropriate registration fee to.

Certification Fees

CISSP Fees   The CISSP certification examination fee is $450 if received 22 calendar days in advance of the exam date.

Late registration examination fee is $550 if received 21 calendar days or less prior to the exam date. Any rescheduling fee is an additional $100 to change the date of your exam once payment has been received.

SSCP Fees   The SSCP certification examination fee is $295 if received 22 calendar days in advance of the exam date.

Late registration examination fee is $395 if received 21 calendar days or less prior to the exam. Rescheduling fee is an additional $100 to change the date of your exam once payment has been received.

Cancellations and Refund Policy

Cancellations and Refunds   If a location's capacity to administer exams is exceeded, registrations accompanied by full payment of registration fees will be accepted based on the earliest postmarked date.

$(ISC)^2$ reserves the right to cancel any examination 15 days in advance if attendance is insufficient. In this event, $(ISC)^2$ will refund fees paid.

All cancellation requests received in writing 22 calendar days or more prior to the examination date will be given a full refund of fees paid.

Written cancellation requests received 6 to 21 calendar days before the scheduled examination date, will be credited toward attendance at a subsequent examination, minus a $100 fee for rescheduling the administration.

Cancellations received 5 calendar days or less and "no shows" will not be given a refund or credit toward later exams unless there is a documented medical emergency.

The additional $100 for late registration is not refundable for any reason.

Administration

Military Administration

DANTES TEST CENTERS MAY ADMINISTER THE CISSP AND SSCP CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.

Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the CISSP and SSCP certification examinations to the following civilians on an **UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
- Military family members
- Veterans, and
- U.S. federal employees

Recertification

Maintenance Requirements

Personnel must recertify every 3 years. Recertification is accomplished primarily through earning 120 continuing professional education (CPE) credits for the CISSP and 60 CPE credits for SSCP during the 3 years. Recertification also requires an annual maintenance fee of $85 and $65, respectively.

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If information pertaining to the examination is not received in a timely manner or if you have questions, please call (727) 738-8657.

Examination Preparation

Study Plan   Prospective candidates are encouraged to go to www.isc2.org Web site to download a copy of the (ISC)^2 CBK Review Study Plan which details the material covered in the CISSP and SSCP examinations. The Study Plan also includes a twenty-question sample examination for each exam.

Training   (ISC)^2 , through its partnership with the (ISC)^2 Institute, provides a five day CBK review course that is given at various locations throughout the U.S. These classes have proven to be the most successful way to prepare for the CISSP examination. Additional information about these review programs can be found at the www.isc2.org Web site.

Self-Study   Candidates may prepare for either exam offered by (ISC)^2 by a course of self-study. On-line study guides may also be found on the (ISC)^2 Web site.

Study Groups   Local Chapters of the Information Systems Security Associations (ISSA) have in the past sponsored CISSP study groups. ISSA is one of the supporting organizations that were instrumental in the establishment of (ISC)^2 . Participation in a local chapter examination study group requires ISSA membership. Additional information about ISSA can be found at www.issa-intl.org.

Security

Test Loss or Compromise   Refer to Part I of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is a (ISC)^2 test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES <u>immediately</u> and refer to specific Service regulations for complete instructions if there is a CISSP or SSCP test loss or compromise. DANTES address is:

DANTES	**Phone: (850) 452-1360**
Code 20F	**DSN: 922-1360**
6490 Saufley Field Road	**Fax: (850) 452-1360**
Pensacola, FL 32509-5243	

(ISC)^2 Exams Approved for Veterans Reimbursement

MGIB Reimbursement	Eligible veterans may obtain reimbursement from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the costs of taking the CISSP and SSCP examinations. Additional information about this program may be found on the (ISC)^2 website.

Official Source of Information

(ISC)^2 Certification Examinations	The (ISC)^2 website is the official source of data about the CISSP and SSCP certification examinations, to include information about their costs, the qualifications of individuals who may hold these certifications and any other information pertaining to these credentials.

Web Pages and E-mail Addresses

DANTES Web Address	Access the DANTES web pages at http://www.dantes.doded.mil.
(ISC)2 Web Address	Access the (ISC)^2 web page at www.isc2.org.
DANTES E-mail Address	The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is certprog@voled.doded.mil.